

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Congressional Committees at Work on Legislation

FOR ALASKA'S GOVERNMENT.

One of the Chief Problems to be Considered—Homestead Laws Will be Extended—Proposals for Purchasing Postage Stamps—A Reformation in Naval Courts Martial—Valuable Facts in Regard to the Extension of Trade With China.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The senate and house committees on public lands and on territories are at work on legislation for Alaska, preparing the way for action by the two houses. The matter has been talked over in committees and there will be some decisive action shortly after the holiday recess. The chief problem is to provide for a better government. Secretary Bliss recommended in his annual report that Alaska be made a regular organized territory. The sentiment of the committee is that the time is not yet ripe, that the population practically dependent on the rich mining strikes, is a roving one and that even towns having a large population to-day may be abandoned to-morrow. It is probable that there will be some enlargement of its present government as preferable to a general system of local legislation and territorial organization. The jurisdiction of federal officials there may be extended and their number increased. This is to be a temporary bridging over of the problem until the transitory feature of the population is largely eliminated. As to the extension in toto of the general land laws the sentiment now is that the Lacey bill, providing for this, is too sweeping. The right of way act for railroads, etc., carried by the Lacey bill is likely to be modified while there will be some special legislation for the protection of timber. The homestead laws will be extended. Mineral and town site laws already are in force. A prime difficulty is the absence of surveys and it is said that in all probability there are some portions of Alaska that never will be surveyed. This interferes with the operation of the public land law extension.

The postoffice department has prepared advertisements which will soon be issued inviting proposals for furnishing adhesive postage stamps for the government for the four years beginning July next. The issues advertised for include the ordinary stamps, news and periodical stamps, postage due stamps and those for special delivery. The number required per year approximate \$5,000,000. Under a special arrangement made nearly four years ago the work of furnishing stamps is now done by the bureau of engraving and printing, the bids received by the postoffice department at that time for furnishing stamps having been rejected. The arrangement terminates July 1st, when the new contract which will result from the advertisement about to be issued will become effective.

The naval authorities have long regarded the provisions of existing laws relating to the administration of justice as defective in that naval courts-martial are not empowered to secure the attendance and testimony of civilian witnesses. It often happens that important facts are exclusively known by civilians and their testimony is required before almost every important naval court-martial. It rarely happens that witnesses that can avoid so doing are willing to appear in such cases. Secretary Long says from an examination of legislation on this subject it does not appear by any means clear that Congress intended to leave courts-martial in such a position. He has submitted to the house naval committee a draft of a bill to remedy these evils without giving the naval courts undue authority. The first section involves only an extension to the judge advocate of naval courts-martial and courts of inquiry of powers now possessed by judges advocate of army courts. The section has been drawn in conformity with the similar design to meet precisely the same difficulty which has arisen in the British service, providing for certification for contempt, if necessary, to the nearest United States court for punishment.

Some facts of value to business men contemplating an extension of trade into China are afforded by United States Consul Covert at Lyons, France, in a special report to the department.

The consul had before him some of the conclusions reached by the French commission which has just returned to France from China where it had been sent to discover means of extending French trade. Because the results of a former commission through diplomatic channels had been of more value to British manufacturers than to French the present commission does not publish its report in full, but retains the detailed formation for communication privately to French merchants. Meanwhile a brief report has been made to the Lyons chamber of commerce, and this sets out in concise form the wonderful opportunities for trade extension in populous China, the undeveloped mineral resources of the country and the progress already made by the Germans—now become redoubtable rivals of the English in China. The consul says that while the great nations of Europe are grasping for Chinese territory it is probable that the most desirable conquests may be achieved by peaceful methods. Civilized nations have equal interests in opening the trade of China to the world and the powers that attempt to accomplish it by war and conquest do no more than strengthen the Chinese wall.

"Boss" McLaughlin Retires.
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Hugh McLaughlin, for many years the dictator of the Democratic party in Brooklyn, has definitely announced his retirement from political leadership. He will be succeeded, according to the present understanding, by Bernard J. York.

The retirement of Mr. McLaughlin is the close of a long successful and picturesque political career. Many years ago, when a young man, McLaughlin was employed in a rope walk. One of his fellow workers was Jacob Worth, who became, and was, until "turned down" last autumn at the behest of Senator

Domestic Joy.

The charm of domestic joy will be preserved, if those parents, who fear the early death of one of their loved ones when attacked with a serious throat or lung trouble, resort at once to Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, a never-failing remedy. "I used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for my son, who was eight years old. He has been troubled with a bronchial cough since he was two and a half years of age, and I have tried everything, but found Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup does him the most good." Mrs. A. Geib, 317 Demott St., West Hoboken, N. J. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup costs only 25 cents, and is cheaper than the dealer's big profit making substitute, because Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup always cures while the substitute does not.

Platt, the leader of the Republican party in Brooklyn, as McLaughlin was of the Democratic party. Mr. McLaughlin has twice held the office of register, but aside from that has not been a candidate.

ALASKAN RELIEF EXPEDITION

To be Executed Jointly Between Canada and the United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The arrangement effected between Mr. Sifton, in behalf of Canada, and the war department, contemplates that the relief expedition shall be executed jointly by the United States army and a force of the mounted police of Canada, which constitutes the military arm of the Dominion. The United States force will proceed with the relief stores to Skaguay, where they will be joined by the Canadian mounted police, about forty in number and the two forces will then proceed together to the points where the relief is to be distributed. The determination as to Skaguay is, however, still open. The Canadian officials concede much latitude to the American authorities in the actual distribution, recognizing that the expedition is fitted out on this side, although a considerable part of its work will be done on the Canadian side of the border. No duties will be imposed on the stores carried by the relief expedition. Mr. Sifton also had a conference with Secretary Gage and discussed the unsatisfactory condition of the customs regulations along the border and at coast ports where goods are received by one country for transportation to the other country. It was the mutual feeling that an improvement of the system could be made, and negotiations are in progress which are hoped to effect changes advantageous to both sides.

Mr. Sifton left for Ottawa at 4 p. m. Mr. Sifton says that the only practicable route to Dawson City is what is known as the White Pass, or commonly called the Lake route, commencing at Skaguay on Lynn Canal.

He states that they have eighty-five men in the territory and expect to have fifty more at Skaguay on or before January 5. They have twenty tons of supplies now stored at Skaguay for transportation over the pass to which will be added ten tons more within the next ten days for transportation over the pass.

The Canadian authorities have a post at Lake Bennett, another at Tagish, at which latter place twenty men are stationed; another post at White Horse Rapids and two posts intervening between the latter point and Fort Selkirk.

It is the intention of the Canadian government to have a detachment of 250 men in the territory within the next thirty days. Their detachment will be ready to leave Skaguay on the fifteenth proximo, but the minister has kindly consented to hold the expedition so that they may accompany the expedition of the war department that will leave Skaguay on or before February 1. The government has kindly consented to grant escorts to our expedition provided that co-operation cannot be consummated.

The government duties upon all supplies under military control will be waived by the Canadian government. The minister was over the pass in October last. He stated that the government would be very glad to grant our expedition the use of their posts on the route and grant all other facilities to the advance of our expedition over their territory.

Saved the Bank, but Lost His Life.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 30.—A Waterville, Ind., special to the Times-Star, says: Night Watchman Charles E. Cox, of the DeKalb Bank, was murdered after midnight by two persons unknown, who are supposed to have intended to rob the bank. The men, after binding "in their wounds, caused by Cox shooting them, stole a horse and buggy, escaped and boarded an east-bound Baltimore & Ohio southwestern train at Garrett. One of them was heard to say that he was shot, but had killed the watchman.

Contaminated Whiskey Pool.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—Leading Kentucky distillers have inaugurated a movement for a pool of the big stocks of past years. It is claimed that 500,000 barrels of whiskey will be put into the pool. A common distributor will be employed. The whiskey firms at Cincinnati, St. Louis, Peoria, Chicago, and other places are interested in the enterprise which has not yet been perfectly arranged for operation.

President Will Be There.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—President McKinley has accepted the invitation of the National Manufacturers' Association to attend its banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria on January 27. Senator Frye, of Maine, will be one of the principal speakers. Covers are to be laid for eight hundred and sixty guests. The President will discuss the economic features of the tariff.

Burned to Death.

BORDENTOWN, N. J., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Anna J. Fowler, aged sixty-five years, was burned to death in the house of Frank Graham, in this place early today. The house and adjoining property were consumed, entailing a loss of \$25,000. The members of Mr. Graham's family were aroused by the meeting of a cat in time to make their escape.

Compelled to Follow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Lewiston, Maine, to the Commercial Advertiser, says: It is conceded that the cotton mills in Maine will fall into line with other New England mills early next month and reduce the wages of the operatives. Twelve thousand employees will be affected.

Another Company Will Withdraw.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 30.—The Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, of London, has notified Superintendent of Insurance McNall that it will withdraw from Kansas January 1. The company gives as its reason that it does not desire to be annoyed by fires with McNall.

His Wants.

I want two drums.
When Christmas comes:
(But I don't want slates for dolls' sums)
An' a wagon load of sugar plums!
An' a big foot ball, an' a top that hums,
(But never a slate for dolls' sums)
Oh, I just want joy when Christmas comes.

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POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

The Postmaster General's Proposition. Strong Objections are Being Made to the Scheme—Congressman Stone Thinks He has Hit Upon a Solution of the Problem.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—A great deal of interest is manifested here over Postmaster-General Gary's postal savings banks proposition, and considerable is being said pro and con on the subject. Several strong objections are made to the scheme, and opposition will doubtless come from various quarters, the claim being made that the establishment of the system would drive private savings banks out of existence; that the government could not find a suitable investment for the deposits, and that the whole thing is too paternalistic to be considered. The general opinion is, however, that the establishment of postal savings banks would be of great benefit to the common people, the farmers, the mechanics, and the artisans, who do not have opportunity to look about for safe, profitable, and satisfactory investments, but who would gladly and confidently deposit their savings with the government. It is not thought that the establishment of the project would prejudice the interests of the private savings banks. In many sections of the west, and in rural districts generally, money is kept in hiding and not invested. Farmers and others have a distrust of banks in general, and will not deposit their savings in private concerns, but hoard it in old stockings and bury it in the earth.

Congressman C. W. Stone, of Pennsylvania, believes that he has a solution of the problem as to the proper investment to be made with the deposits of the postal banks. His proposition is that the postoffice department shall invest the deposits in county bonds, the proceeds of which shall be used in the building and improvement of country roads, the government seeking to it that the money is used for this purpose. He embodies this in a proposed amendment to the postal savings bill, which is as follows:

"Preference shall at all times be given to such investment of the postal savings as will put them into active circulation in the rural districts, and for that purpose the department may purchase bonds issued exclusively for the building or improvement of country roads, subject only to such limitations and restrictions and such provisions for the security of the United States as may be agreed upon and prescribed, from time to time, by the secretary of the treasury, the attorney-general, the postmaster-general, and the secretary of agriculture."

The simple proposition is that the counties shall issue bonds and pay the same interest on them that the government must pay to the depositors in the postal banks. This interest would be more than met by the money which is annually expended throughout the country in the improvement of roads, or rather in keeping roads from deteriorating into an impassable condition.

General Roy Stone, the acting president of the National League for Good Roads, has been making a careful study of the possibilities of this question, and believes that no other possible use of money on a large scale can result to such advantage to the people. The benefits to be derived from good roads are acknowledged to be among the greatest which can accrue to the country. "The commercial benefits of good roads," declares General Stone, "are well indicated by the New York chamber of commerce." This body asserted that "two are handicapped in all the markets of the world by an enormous waste of labor in the primary transportation of our products."

The immediate advantage which would be apparent from the purchase of local bonds and the commencement of work on country roads would be in putting the postal savings into active circulation in the country districts from which they would mainly be drawn. The great objection made against the postal savings scheme has been: "What will the government do with the savings? Where will it invest them profitably, so as to be able to pay its depositors interest?" Government bonds have been suggested as the safest means of investment, but this process would carry the money to the great commercial and money centers for the purchases of existing bonds, or to the treasury at Washington for new issues. This would be the result of all investments which have been suggested—the money would leave the communities where it was deposited. But the purchase of road-improvement bonds would insure the employment of every dollar in payment for labor in the country districts. In support of his project General Stone says:

"In view of the perfect security offered and of the great public benefits to accrue, the government could well afford to incur the small additional expense of handling these funds and loan the money at the same rate of interest that it pays to the owner. Suppose the rate to be two and one-half per cent, the interest on the bonds could easily be taken from the ordinary road funds of the county, and, as the county roads would need no repair during the construction years, the road tax could either be lessened for the time or applied to the improvement of local roads. Some counties, of course, would be too conservative to accept this plan, but there would be enough ready and willing to take advantage of it to show its benefits and ultimately lead the others to its adoption."

"For this purpose long-term bonds would be more desirable than short ones, and probably payment would not be required in less than a hundred years, if then, so that no present provision need be made in reference to the principal, except that the county should have the privilege of payment after thirty or fifty years."

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THE WILD STORY

Of Governor Atkinson's Imprehensible Enough to Make a Horse Laugh.
"Charlotte special to Pittsburgh Dispatch: The absurd story from Wheeling that there has been talk of impeachment proceedings against Governor Atkinson for his failure to prosecute ex-Secretary of State Chilton for embezzlement created considerable amusement here.

The governor has no more authority to institute criminal proceedings in the case than any other citizen. As a member of the board of public works he has no more authority than any other member of the board. The matter was placed in the hands of Attorney General Tucker some time ago, and he has some assurance of a settlement by January 1. If a settlement is not made then he will proceed against Chilton and his bondsmen at once.

Unless Chilton pays the money collected as taxes on corporations, for which he is held, his bondsmen are not liable. The corporations will be called upon to pay the amount to the auditor general, on the ground that under the new law the money should have been paid to him instead of to the secretary of state in the first place. About 1,500 corporations may be thus affected, and it is thought Chilton will be liable to a separate indictment in each case if he fails to pay over the money.

Will Attack the Law.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 30.—William Orr, and Miss Lizzie Nelson, a youthful eloping couple from Glenn's Ferry, have returned to Boise from Oregon, having been refused a marriage license after twenty places in Idaho and Oregon, owing to the tender years of the girl. Young Orr has now employed counsel to attack in the supreme court the law requiring the issuance of marriage licenses claiming it was unconstitutionally passed under the supreme court's recent board decision. The girl is sixteen and the boy twenty.

Hired for Water, Struck Oil.

CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 30.—J. J. Van Buskirk, of Medaryville, while drilling for water has struck a good flow of oil of fine quality and quantity. The Indiana and Ohio Oil Company have investigated the surrounding territory in Jasper county and have filed with the county recorder oil leases which cover several farms in the vicinity of Medaryville. The company will at once sink wells and search for oil.

Rather Late Acting.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Dec. 29.—F. C. Boyle, editor of the Oil City Derrick, was arrested to-day on information made by Hon. Joseph C. Sibley, charging him with criminal libel. Sibley alleges that Boyle published libelous articles in the Derrick against him during the recent campaign. He was held in \$1,000 bail for his appearance at the January term of court.

WHEELING JOINS

In Paying Tribute to the Little Conqueror.

A young man went to a very wealthy and successful manufacturer a short time ago and applied for employment. "What can you do?" the manufacturer said, and the young man proceeded to tell in glowing terms of his wonderful ability. "But I don't want to know what you say you can do," the gentleman replied; "let me know what others say you have done. Bring me recommendations from people I know and can trust." It's the way with the little conqueror and the public; people want to know what has been done. Wheeling people are joining the myriads of others in making public the works of the little modern wonder. The endorsement of citizens is what goes with every box as proof of Doan's Kidney Pills, and what your neighbors say should convince the skeptic.

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A Good Record.

June 27, 1897, the Ohio River railway inaugurated fast schedule from Wheeling (Train No. 1), leaving at 7:30 a. m., arriving Parkersburg 10:10 a. m., Cincinnati 5:15 p. m., Louisville 8:15 p. m. This train has missed connection at Kenova but three times in five months, thus establishing the fact that a high rate of speed can be successfully maintained.

Train No. 1 having proved so satisfactory to the company and popular with the traveling public, the management put into effect November 21 same schedule in opposite direction (Train No. 4), leaving Louisville 8:30 a. m., Lexington 11:15 a. m., Cincinnati 12:00 noon, arriving Parkersburg 3:35 p. m., Wheeling 11:15 p. m.

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